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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate
Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Accounting Order
Docket No. 2018-318-E

Dear Ms. Boyd,

I am writing to inform the Commission of the status of discussions between the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and its members ("Farm Bureau") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP").

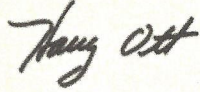
As you know, I testified before the Commission on April 1, 2019, at the public hearing in Florence, SC, along with a number of other South Carolina farmers. After hearing public concerns regarding the proposed Base Facility Charge ("BFC") increases, DEP agreed to reduce the BFC to ORS-recommended levels, but only for residential and Small Business Service. As our farmers testified, the BFC increase has the same impact on farmers in the Medium General Service class.

As summarized in my letter dated April 9, 2019, and with the support of the Office of Regulatory Staff, we believe the proposed 133% increase in the Base Facility Charge for Medium General Service is excessive, particularly for farmers with seasonal usage. We had hoped to work with DEP on a special rate for farmers to mitigate this disproportionate effect, or at least to reduce the amount of the increase in the Base Facility Charge for Medium General Service, as DEP agreed to do for residential and Small General Service in this docket. However, despite our efforts to engage DEP on this issue, as of today no concession has been made by DEP for farmers in the Medium General Service category.

We continue to believe that the requested increase of 133% in the Base Facility Charge for Medium General Service is too big an increase at one time, particularly with the farm economy being what it is and the inability of farmers to pass through increased energy costs.

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Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Ott".

Harry L. Ott, Jr.
President, South Carolina Farm Bureau

cc: Parties of record (via e-mail)
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